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what he should say to the Soviets and thought UK can turn Gromyko's language back on him and urge Soviets "as co-chairman" show understanding of US position.

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FROM AMBASSADOR BRUCE

1. In meeting with Foreign Secretary at 1600 today, Ambassador Sullivan covered status of Paris talks and reviewed situation generally along lines Secretary's message to Foreign Secretary.

2. Foreign Secretary, who had seen PM just previously and presumably discussed Secretary's message with ~~XXXX~~ him, was most forthcoming. He summarized points he hopes to make in Moscow talks as (a) importance of Hanoi reciprocity, in deeds not ~~necessarily~~ statement in Paris, before US can end bombing; (b) re-establishment DMZ and enforcement Laos accords (with former more likely target) involving

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strengthened ICC as forms restraint should take; (c) emphasizing to Russians US public pressure for resumed full scale bombing if Hanoi indefinitely fails show matching restraint; (d) US force withdrawal must be linked to comparable NVN withdrawal.

3. He hopes draw out Soviets on what they themselves would be willing do if bombing ceases, and on their thinking re eventual political settlement. He indicated UK agreement with Secretary's formulation that basic condition is free choice for Vietnamese people. Foreign Secretary hopes make clear to Soviets latest Communist front "Alliance" a not a serious starter. He understands that "our side-their side" formula should not be raised with Soviets. He thinks it unlikely conversation will get far beyond points raised above, will try to avoid discussion of reviving Geneva conference. ~~However, he~~ He suspects Soviets may have something specific to raise

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